

resources of the recreation area, in accordance with this Act and the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.)."

(2) **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Navy for the operation of the presidential retreat, known as Camp David, while preserving the site as part of the national recreation area. Nothing done under this Act shall conflict with the administration of the presidential retreat as a residence for the President and his family and for his official purposes, nor shall it alter any privileges, powers, or duties vested in the White House Police and the United States Secret Service, Treasury Department, by section 202 of title 3, United States Code, and section 3056 of title 18, United States Code.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 328), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

RIM OF THE VALLEY CORRIDOR STUDY

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 347) to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

[Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in italic.]

S. 347

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

[This Act may be cited as the "Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act".]

SEC. 2. RIM OF THE VALLEY CORRIDOR STUDY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (in this Act referred to as the "Secretaries") shall conduct a joint special resource study of the lands, waters, and interests of the area comprising the Rim of the Valley Corridor in Southern California, as depicted on the map entitled "SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY ZONE—RIM OF THE VALLEY CORRIDOR Parklands and Open Space" and dated July 30, 2002.

(b) **STUDY TOPICS.**—The study shall evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the area as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

(c) **CRITERIA.**—In conducting the study authorized by this section, the Secretaries shall use the criteria for the study for areas for potential inclusion in the National Park System contained in section 8(c) of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5(c)).

(d) **CONSULTATION.**—In conducting the study authorized by this section, the Secretaries shall consult with appropriate State, county and local government entities.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

[There are authorized to be appropriated such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.]

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act".

SEC. 2. RIM OF THE VALLEY CORRIDOR STUDY.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a joint resources study of the lands, waters, and interests of the area comprising the Rim of the Valley Corridor in Southern California, as depicted on the map entitled "Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone—Rim of the Valley Corridor Parklands and Open Space" and dated July 30, 2002, to evaluate a range of alternative for protecting resources, including the suitability and feasibility of establishing the area as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The Secretaries shall consult with appropriate State, county and local government entities in conducting the study.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint resource study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes."

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 347), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

REINSTATEMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF A HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

The bill (H.R. 397) to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

H.R. 397

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT.

Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 11214, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section—

(1) reinstate the license for the construction of the project as of the effective date of the surrender of the license; and

(2) extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project for 3 consecutive 2-year periods beyond the date that is 4 years after the date of issuance of the license.

SENSE OF SENATE REGARDING ARRESTS OF CUBAN DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign

Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 97 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read the resolution as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 97) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the arrests of Cuban democracy activists by the Cuban Government.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the Nelson of Florida amendment to the preamble, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 97) was agreed to.

The amendment to the preamble (No. 525) was agreed to as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 525

(Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate regarding the arrests of Cuban democracy activists by the Cuban Government)

Delete the preamble and insert in lieu thereof:

"Whereas on March 18, 2003, Fidel Castro and the Government of Cuba began an island-wide campaign to arrest and jail dozens of prominent democracy activists and critics of the repressive regime;

"Whereas since March 18, 2003, the Cuban police have arrested approximately 80 Cubans for engaging in free speech under Law 88, the Law for the Protection of National Independence and the Economy of Cuba, which is a notorious law passed 3 years ago by the communist country;

"Whereas the imprisoned political opponents of Castro include librarians, journalists, and others who have supported the Varela Project, which seeks to bring free speech, open elections, and democracy to the island nation;

"Whereas during this crackdown, widely recognized as the most severe in some time, Fidel Castro is inhumanely pursuing the harshest punishments for these political prisoners, including pursuing life sentences for as many as 12; and

"Whereas the failure to condemn the Cuban Government's renewed political repression of democracy activists will undermine the opportunity for freedom on the Island."

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 97), with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. RES. 97

Whereas on March 18, 2003, Fidel Castro and the Government of Cuba began an island-wide campaign to arrest and jail dozens of prominent democracy activists and critics of the repressive regime;

Whereas since March 18, 2003, the Cuban police have arrested more than 100 Cubans